

Answers to the Michigan State Capitol Treasure Hunt

1. Where in the Capitol would you find replicas of Civil War flags?

Replicas of Civil War flags may be found in the rotunda.

2. Who works in the South Wing?

Senators work in the South Wing.

3. Where are most of the House offices?

Most of the House of Representatives offices are located in the North Wing.

4. What materials were used to build the beautiful corridors?

The corridors are made of marble flooring, pinewood, painted plaster, and cast iron.

5. Why do you think these materials were selected?

These materials were selected because they were not too expensive, and were plentiful.

6. What important place is located on the 1st floor of the North Wing?

The office of the Speaker of the House of Representatives is located on the 1st floor of the North Wing.

7. What are the two houses of the legislature?

The two houses are the House of Representatives and the Senate.

8. What does the Speaker of the House do?

The Speaker of the House presides over the House of Representatives. He/She is chosen from the majority party. He/She presides over sessions in the House of Representatives and can recognize or ignore members. He/She also appoints committee members, schedules bills for action, and refers bills to the proper committee.

9. Who is the only United States President from Michigan?

Gerald Ford is the only United States President who was from Michigan.

10. Where would you find his portrait?

Gerald Ford's portrait is on the 2nd floor of the West Wing.

11. Where would you find pictures of members of the House of Representatives?

Pictures of members of the House of Representatives are located on the 2nd floor of the North Wing.

12. Can the public come on the House floor?

The public cannot come on to the House floor without permission.

13. Why or why not?

Answers will vary. A limited number of invited guests are allowed in a special section. They must remain in this area so do not cause a distraction to the legislators.

14. In the House chamber, where are the Democrats?

Democrats are seated on the left side of the House chamber.

15. In the House chamber, where are the Republicans?

Republicans are seated on the right side of the House chamber.

16. How are votes displayed in the House chamber?

Votes are displayed on electronic boards.

17. If you were visiting the House chamber, where would you sit?

Visitors sit on benches on the third floor.

18. How would a representative recognize a visitor during a session?

A representative would ask the visitor to stand so the Speaker and the Full House can welcome them.

19. What is found in the Senate lobby?

Portraits of governors are located in the Senate lobby.

20. Who presides over the Senate?

The Lieutenant Governor presides over the Senate.

21. How many members are in the Senate?

There are 38 members in the Senate.

22. Who is the Governor of Michigan?

John Engler is the Governor of Michigan (1990-2002).